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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

MEMORANDUM FOR : Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service

SUBJECT : Tschierin SOOHZOKOV

REFERENCE : Your Request for Information dated 3-21-75
Regarding Tschierin SOOHZOKOV - LANS File
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1. A thorough review of Subject's file does not reveal any evidence of a derogatory nature concerning him. We would point out, however, that Subject admitted to us that he had falsified his date of birth in connection with his service in the Russian Army and later falsified it again in connection with his service in the German Army. Also, he admitted that he had falsified his level of education, military and employment records in order to enhance his position.

2. Specifically, in April 1958 Subject stated he had initially falsified his date of birth as 1921 in order to join the Russian Army and that in 1942 he subsequently falsified it as 1918 in order to attain officer rank in a Circassian military unit organized by the German Army. In November 1959 Subject admitted that he had been recruited by German intelligence in 1942 as an informant on Circassian activities and, at their instruction, joined a Circassian military unit under German command in order to perform these duties more effectively. However, we have no evidence that Subject was involved in war crimes during his work for the German Army or at any other time.

3. We terminated our substantive relationship with Subject in November 1959 because he admitted to being evasive about biographic details of his early life and we were unable to resolve our doubts. However, it should be noted that during the seven years he worked for this Agency, Subject did perform useful service to the United States Government, and that furthermore he did volunteer for extremely hazardous missions.

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